



CITY OF WORCESTER

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 6:30 PM

HYBRID MEETING

Location: Levi Lincoln, Jr. Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall

Remote Access: WebEx Virtual Meeting – ID 160 184 4534

Call in number: 1-415-655-0001

Access code: 160 184 4534

Present: District 1, Gerardo Schiano, Chairperson
District 4, Theodore Kostas
At-Large, Jenny Pacillo

Remote: District 2, Rachel Brown
District 3, Siaka Kromah
District 3, James Leo Bedard
District 4, Janny Nivar De Reyes
District 5, Carol Stovall

Staff: Jeannie Michelson, City Manager's Office

1. Gerardo called the meeting to order at 6:32pm
2. Introductions of 8 CAC members present
3. Gerardo asked for a motion to accept and approve the minutes from the 11/14/22 meeting. Jenny motioned to accept and approve the minutes. Carol 2nd the motion to accept and approve the minutes. Minutes of 11/14/22 were approved.
4. Gerardo introduced and welcomed Ted Kostas as the newest member to the CAC.
5. Recruitment / Outreach
 - a. 2023 Meeting Dates
 - i. 3 of the dates were changed.
 1. Vote for updated dates: (7 – 0 – 1) in favor.

APPROVED DATES FOR 2023 CAC		
DATE	ROOM	TYPE
Wednesday, January 11, 2023	Esther/Webex	Selection
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	Levi/Webex	Business
Monday, March 13, 2023	WebEx Only	Selection
Tuesday, April 11, 2023	Levi	Business
Wednesday, May 10, 2023	Levi	Selection
Thursday, June 15, 2023	City Hall Chambers are reserved. Looking for alternate location	Business
Monday, July 10, 2023	Levi	Selection (if needed)
Tuesday, August 8, 2023	Levi	Selection (if needed)
Wednesday, September 13, 2023	Levi	Selection
Wednesday, October 11, 2023	Esther	Business
Monday, November 13, 2023	Esther	Selection
Tuesday, December 12, 2023	Levi	Business

- b. Letter to the Editor - Rachel discussed the background of the letter. Gerardo was concerned about the new openings no longer being available and asked about the boards that have current need. Carol suggested the letter still be sent to keep up the interest and awareness of the boards. Rachel suggested making edits to the letter now.
 - i. Vote to authorize letter: 7 – 0 – 1 in favor
- c. Name Change Discussion:
 - i. Rachel talked about wanting to be more inclusive and that the name “citizen” could deter applicants.
 - ii. Gerardo discussed the process by which a name change would need to go through to be approved.
 - iii. Siaka doesn’t think a name change is necessary.
 - iv. Ted thinks the name should stay the same.
 - v. Gerardo understands both sides and said that the argument was the same when the CAC voted to remove the registered voter requirement.
 - vi. Several names were suggested, including Resident Advisory Council, Community Advisory Council, Membership Advisory Council, Recruitment Advisory Council, Worcester Advisory Council, Community Recruitment Involvement Council, Worcester Community Advisory Board.

- vii. Janny doesn't think the name deters others but if it were to be changed, it should be something simple. Others agreed on the name being simple.
 - viii. Vote to determine if the CAC recommends a name change: 6 – 2 in favor.
 - ix. Vote on name:
 - 1. Community Advisory Council: Vote 1 – 6 – 1 against
 - 2. Worcester Community Advisory Board: Vote: 6 – 1 – 1 in favor
 - x. Jeannie will check with the Law Department on the next steps to move forward with the name change.
 - xi. Rachel will assist if needed.
6. Future Agenda Items
- a. James suggested that members do some outreach.
 - b. Jenny suggested inviting Guillermo Creamer to a meeting regarding the Worcester Now/Next program.
 - i. Jeannie will reach out to Guillermo Creamer to schedule him for a CAC meeting.
 - ii. Gerardo asked Jeannie about scheduling radio/tv opportunities.
 - iii. Ted said he would ask Cam from Spectrum News to reach out to Jeannie to schedule something.
7. The next meeting is a selection meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 6:30PM.
8. Jenny motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ted 2nd the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

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Approved: 1/11/23